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Charles E. Findley, Acting Regional Director U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Sixth Avenue, Region 10 Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Mr. Findley:

I have received and read with great interest your letter to me dated August 29, 2001 concerning the Idaho National Environmental Engineering Laboratory Dispute Resolution for Operable Unit 7-10. I am heartened that we share the desire to identify a viable path forward, and I am optimistic that our meeting next week focused on the resolution of the Pit 9 dispute will be successful. The ideas you provided reflect your desire to work toward a resolution, for which I am thankful.

I look forward to meeting you and your key staff support next week, and working to achieve a productive solution.

Sincerely,

Fraze, R. Lockhart, Director

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